

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
September 28, 2020**

Present: Jacob Benda, Joyce Brown, Dave Geslin, Nils Halker, David Jenkins, Liisa Keranen, Jessica Park, Laura Potratz, Phillip Radtke, Kris Rizzota, Lise Schmidt, Joe Trucano, John Varona
Also present: Chaplain John Setterlund

Call to Order by Dean David Jenkins at 6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting via the Zoom App hosted by St. Paul Seminary

The meeting began with Chaplain Setterlund offering a reflection on St. Michael and angels. We are reminded of our musical ministry in praising God. A prayer followed.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The Minutes of the August 2020 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Report: Secretary Report given by Joyce Brown

-This is a friendly reminder that the Nominating Chair for the Nominating Committee will need to be appointed by November.

Report: Treasurers report given by David Geslin.

-We have spent money for the membership dues for this current year. We still have money in the Members Relief Fund. The finances are stable.

Motion: Jacob Benda moved to accept the treasurer report.

Second: Joe Trucano

Motion carried.

Report: Program report given by Jacob Benda.

-The program committee met and is excited to announce that they will begin to work on a documentary featuring the Northrop organ. This will be a professional production. It is still being planned, but so far it looks to be 20-25 minutes in length. It will feature 5 to 6 interviews, demonstrations by Dean Billmeyer, and views from inside the organ chambers. The timeline will begin around Oct. 20, and finished by the end of January. There is a \$5000 budget allowed. The committee interviewed 3 production companies. They have chosen Peter Meyers from Meyers

Communications. This company has worked with TPT, the Schubert Club and The AGO. This video will be the second TCAGO production. It will be used as promotional material for the Regional Convention, and perhaps by Northrop for their own promotions. This will be a quality production and should have lasting appeal.

-The Katelyn Emerson Master class is happening tonight at Northrop. There will also be a web live stream option to attend as well. Katelyn Emerson will present a ticketed concert on September 29 at Northrop. There will also be a web live streaming option to attend.

Report: Dean's report given by David Jenkins

-The TCAGO archives are presently located at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Last year Joshua Lindgren, our TCAGO Archivist, and John Setterlund met with an archivist from the Minnesota Historical Society. The MHS is able and interested in taking our collection. They can catalog and digitize the collection. Having it located at the MHS would also enable easier access to our records. Lise Schmidt has agreed to assist in evaluating our collection and facilitating the transfer. There currently is no policy in place regarding what we collect and how it is preserved.

-The Pipe Organ Discovery Day will not have a live event this year. Phil Asgian and the committee are exploring options with a possible virtual event. The committee would like to maintain connections with kids from the past.

-David Jenkins would like to continue his goal of updating all of the operating procedures. The special areas considered are: chapter elections, archive procedures, audit procedures, professional concerns and membership areas. They were last updated in 2012 with James Callahan.

-David Jenkins is looking into the AGO certification and pedagogy resources. There is a new AGO Achievement Award. He is looking to promote these awards.

-The Competition Committee calls for new submissions every two years. The committee has requested an increase to \$3000. There was discussion regarding the cancelled 2020 convention and the future convention along with chapter finances. It was felt that there will be time to promote the competition for the 2023 convention with the amount of prize to be determined later.

Motion: Jacob Benda moved that the Competition Committee be given \$2000 for this year. There will be time to promote the competition for the 2023 convention with a prize of \$3000.

Second: Lise Schmidt

Motion carried.

-There was a glitch in the mailing of September *Pipenotes*. It has since been resolved.

-There was discussion of the Zoom accounts that are being used for the TCAGO. Currently the St. Paul Seminary hosts our board meetings. In the “Pilot neighborhood meeting” in September, the meeting was hosted by Nils Halker’s work account. The board is looking to hosting several neighborhood meetings by area to connect with the membership. It is hoped that we can have our opening TCAGO Town Hall meeting via zoom. It will include the an invocation, introduction of the new board members and officers, a state of the chapter address, and perhaps a greeting from Elizabeth George from our National AGO, and perhaps a short performance. The meeting would be approximately 45 minutes and most likely on a Sunday evening.

Motion: Phil Radtke moved to close the meeting.

Second: John Varona

Motion carried.

The meeting closed at 7:55

Joyce Brown, Secretary

Next Meeting October 26, 2020

